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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

September 26, 2006

RELATED TO ITEM 2

Pursuant to Welfare & Institutions Code section 903, the Probation Department seeks reimbursement for the reasonable costs of caring for juveniles who are detained in Probation halls and camps. The Probation Department determines the parents' ability to pay and develops a payment plan with the parents. Probation collects reimbursement funds through monthly payments, State tax intercepts and property liens. I am concerned about the financial burden placed on poor families under this scheme. For example, if a juvenile spends 21 days in juvenile hall and six months in camp, his parents will owe the County \$2,446.00. If the parents earn \$20,000 annually and have two children, they will be required to pay \$43 a month for over four years. I recognize that support costs are a legitimate revenue source for the Department and I am interested in knowing if there is a better method for seeking reimbursement for such costs.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation Officer, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, the Auditor Controller and the County Counsel to report back in 30 days on the feasibility of creating a sliding scale for the rates for support of juveniles in Probation facilities.

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